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## Randy's Ramblings...

### Caring for Adam

It was a simple note written in crayon. Beverly didn't notice it at first. As a matter of fact, she didn't even notice that Adam was missing. This is not the first time Beverly failed to come home. And, on each occurrence, she vowed never to let this happen again. Assuming that Adam had gotten himself off to school, Beverly noticed the note attached to the refrigerator door by the huge Elmo magnet she had given Adam. The note said,

*Mom,*

*I'm sorry I missed you this morning, I hope you are o.k. I left some toast for you on the counter. I hope you like it. Mom, I love you. I miss you. I hope you will be home when I get home from school.*

*Love, Adam*

Mrs. French, Adam's 4th grade teacher, noticed that Adam has looked a little disheveled of late. More quiet than usual. Adam had just not been as focused and his grades were sliding. She tried to call Beverly to find out if anything had changed at home, but had been unable to reach her. Mrs. French was worried. Adam was withdrawn and distancing himself from his classmates. She tried to talk with him, but Adam appeared guarded and protective. Unfortunately, no one knew the secret locked within Adam's life.

Know what's going on with your kids. Do you know Adam?

~ Randy Allman

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